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Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its first session

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Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/211, the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held its first session from 14 to 15 July 2014 at the United Nations Office, Geneva. The Committee held six plenary meetings, as well as three dialogues with major groups and four technical workshops.

Organization of work

A. Opening of the session

2. The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was opened at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Monday 14 July 2014 by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction as temporary chair. The Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect its two co-Chairs. Statements were made by the co-Chairs, the Special Representative [and…..to be inserted].

B. Election of Chairpersons and other officers

3. At its first plenary meeting, on 14 July 2015, the Preparatory Committee elected its chairpersons and officers as follows:

Co-Chairs:

Päivi Kairamo (Finland);
Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)

Vice-Chairs:

María del Pilar Cornejo (Ecuador);
Kateřina Sequensová (Czech Republic);
Md. Abdul Hannan (Bangladesh);
Walid Abdelnasser (Egypt);
Wayne McCook (Jamaica);
Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation);
Riek Puok Riek (South Sudan);
Toni Frisch (Switzerland)

Rapporteur:

4. The Preparatory Committee decided that Japan, host country to the Conference, would serve as an ex-officio member of the Bureau.

C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. At the same meeting, on 14 July 2014, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for its first session as follows:

1. Opening.
2. Election of Chairpersons and other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Organisation of the World Conference.
6. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction..
7. Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.
8. Any other business.
9. Conclusion of the session.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee agreed to the programme of work as proposed in documents A/CONF.224/PC(I)/2 and Corr.2.

7. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211, that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, shall apply to the meetings of the Preparatory Committee as applicable.

D. Organization of the World Conference

8. At its [first] meeting, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and the representative of Japan as host country gave updates on the organization of the World Conference.

9. During the discussion, statements were made by…..

10. The Preparatory Committee recommended the following: [to be inserted]

E. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

11. At its 1st to ___ plenary meetings, on 14 and 15 July, the Committee considered the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

12. In the course of the discussion, the Committee heard____statements:____from Member States [others to be inserted]. Statements were made by the representatives of [names to be inserted].

13. The co-Chairpersons convened three dialogues with major groups during the first session to exchange views on the post-2015 framework for disaster reduction. The summary report of the dialogues is annexed to the current report together with summary reports of the technical workshops organized by the Secretariat.

F. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

13. At the 4th plenary meeting on 15 July, the Rapporteur introduced and updated the draft report of the Preparatory Committee as contained in the current text.

14. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report, as orally updated and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it in the light of the proceedings of the closing plenary meeting.

F. Annex

[Summary reports of the Chairs' dialogue with major groups and technical workshops to be inserted].